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In re application of:

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Molecules Associated with Sterol
Synthesis and Metabolism

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application:

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraphs on page one, after the title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US00/18813, filed 11 July 2000. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,981, filed on 12 July 1999.

INCORPORATION OF SEQUENCE LISTING

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing and a computer readable form of the sequence listing on diskette, containing the file named SeqList.txt, which is 55,428 bytes in size (measured in MS-DOS), and which was created on January 10, 2002, are herein incorporated by reference.

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